

2016 Southern Regional National Cooperative  
Soil Survey Conference  
June 20- 23, 2016, Rincon, Puerto Rico

Southeast State Soil Scientists- Panelists

# Purpose

- Lead discussion and encourage feedback to important topics for Technical Soil Services (TSS)
  1. Cooperative work and partnering relationships
  2. Priority items, which are on the horizon which require collective skills and resources
  3. Develop a baseline structure, which is in alignment with the NRCS mission

# State Soil Scientist Discussion- Pre- Topics

Alan Stahnke, TX	Y	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Modernization of WSS.</li> <li>2. A true mobile version of WSS.</li> <li>3. I would like to start a discussion on getting the 1990 HEL frozen list removed from the next farm bill.</li> </ol>	
Delaney Johnson, MS	Y	Partnerships and Agreements, Development plan for entry level Resource Soil Scientists	
Edgar Mersiovsky, AR	Y	Special Studies, Consider re -defining Entry level RSS job descriptions	
Jim Lathem, GA	Y		
Kamara Holmes, SC	Y		
Kent Clary, NC	Y		
Lawrence McGhee, AL			
Mike Lindsey, LA	Call in		Via Conference call if available
Rick Livingston, TN	Call in		Via Conference call if available
Steven Asplach, OK			
Steve Blanford, KY	Y	Role of the SSS in the modern soil survey.	
Tom Weber, FL	Y	Recruitment and hiring efforts for entry and higher grade RSS	

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# Continued

- University/Academic Partnership
- Soil and Water District Commissioners
- Extension Services
- Outreach Efforts
- Technical Soil Services (TSS) Champions
- Other-